

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

DEFINITION: Under general supervision, performs work of moderate difficulty involving the enforcement of federal and Navajo Nation environmental laws which are administered and enforced through the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency; performs related work as assigned.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: This list is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.

TASKS:

Exercises full authority in the enforcement of Navajo Nation and federal environmental laws and regulations; patrols assigned area; investigates alleged or suspected environmental violations pertaining to air, hazardous waste, solid waste and water; interviews alleged suspects and witnesses; photographs, preserves, collects, tags and files physical evidence; reviews shipping documents and manifest for alleged illegal transportation, storage and disposal of hazardous materials and substances; issues citations or notice of violations; conducts surveillance; prepares required reports; confirms and verifies return-to-environmental-compliance.

Prepares and executes search and arrest warrants; serves subpoenas; attends pre-trial hearings and presents evidence; testifies in court; carries firearms; ensures safe operation of equipment; apprehends and transports suspects; searches suspect for evidence and advises suspect of their rights; prepares referrals to environmental investigator and appropriate environmental protection agency for prosecution, responds to accidents and emergencies involving the release of hazardous waste, materials and substances; secures accident scene to protect victims, property and the environment; renders first aid and calls for medical assistance; assists with the identification of clandestine laboratory activities.

Consults with environmental investigator and technical staff of the Criminal Investigations Division and the United States Environmental Protection Agency; assists and provides security to protect victims, property and the environment; provides backup to other law enforcement agencies in emergency situations; promotes community oriented policing through community interaction; participates and presents information on environmental laws and regulations at community meetings, educational institutions, public and private groups; attends and participates in training and employee development activities; keeps supervisor informed of activities.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of the principles and practices of modern police administration and methods.
Knowledge of departmental rules and regulations and applicable federal, state, local and tribal laws.
Knowledge of Navajo Nation and federal environmental laws, codes and regulations.
Knowledge of the practices and methods of law enforcement, criminal investigation and identification.
Knowledge of all types of firearms, communications equipment and vehicles used in law enforcement.
Skill in analyzing situations quickly and objectively to determine the proper course of action.
Skill in maintaining calm during emergencies.
Skill in the use of assigned weapons and other police equipment.
Skill establishing and maintaining effective working relationships.
Skill in verbal and written communication.
Ability to enforce laws tactfully, firmly and impartially.
Ability to prepare technical reports and correspondence.
Ability to speak in public and make community presentations.

THE NAVAJO NATION

Class Code: 2188
Public Safety Series
Police Field Operations Group
Overtime Code: Non-Exempt
Pay Grade: 63

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PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work requires the ability to pass the physical fitness standard as put forth by the POST for police officers. Work requires walking, running, lifting and climbing during efforts to catch or subdue hostile individuals. Exposure to hazardous, uncontrollable and life threatening situations can occur.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A high school diploma or GED, successful completion of an approved Basic Law Enforcement Training Program.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Must be certified by Arizona, New Mexico or Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and commissioned by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency. Must successfully pass a drug screening test, criminal background investigation, physical examination, physical agility test and psychological test. Must possess a valid state driver's license.

Depending upon the needs of the Nation, some incumbents of the class may be required to demonstrate fluency in both the Navajo and English languages as a condition of employment.